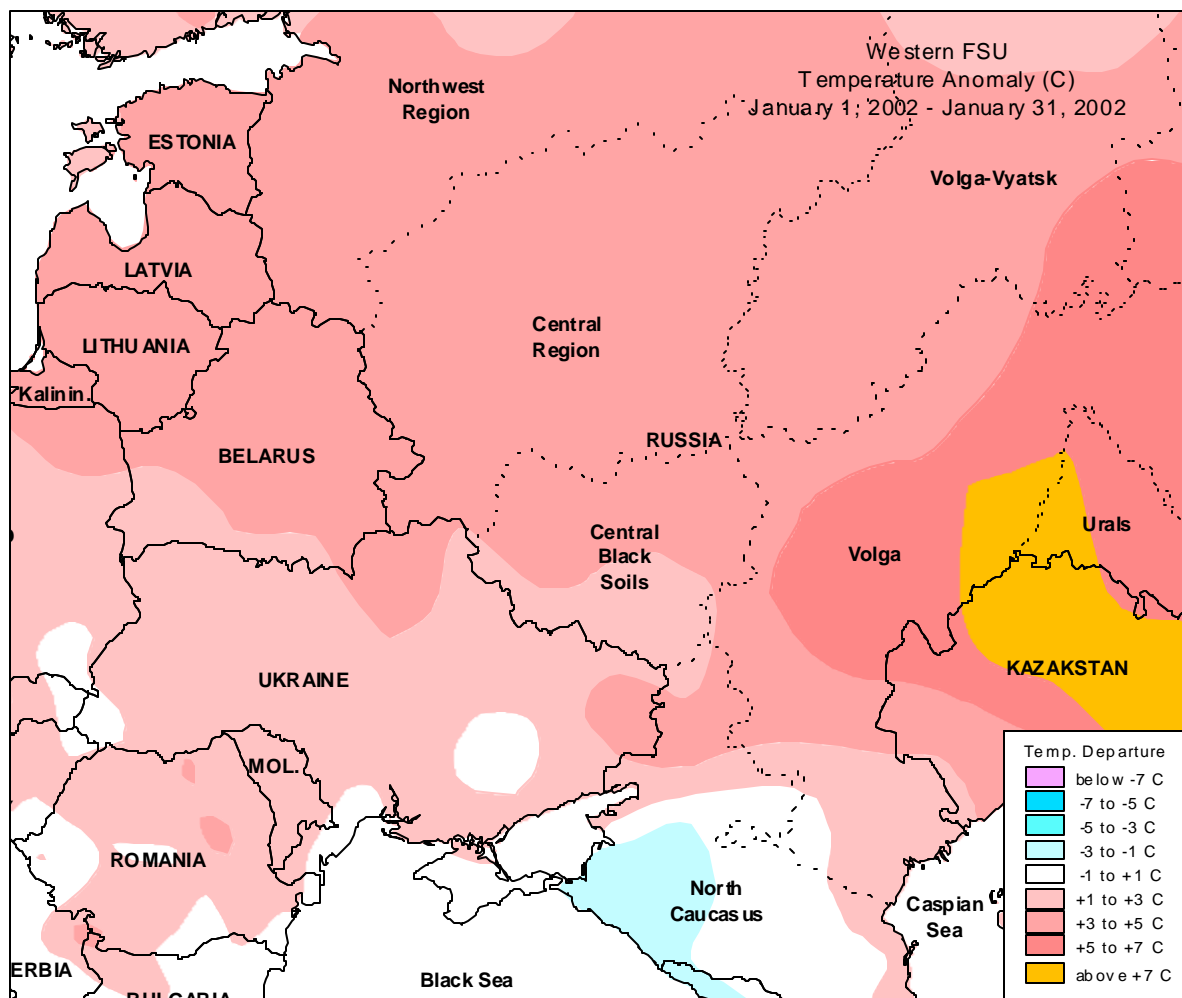


FORMER SOVIET UNION (WESTERN)

January Temperature Anomaly (C)



WEATHER AND CROP HIGHLIGHTS

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- o In January, a warming trend followed a period of bitterly cold weather that persisted during the first 10 days of the month, improving overwintering conditions for winter grains.
- o Temperatures for the entire month of January averaged near to above normal in most areas, resulting in some loss of snow cover, especially in southernmost crop areas.
- o In early February, unusually mild weather persisted throughout most winter grain areas, diminishing protective snow cover in the Baltics, Belarus, Ukraine, and southern Russia.